



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63598

Tomoki HIROTA

Appln. No.: 09/813,992

Confirmation No.: 2670

Group Art Unit: 2815

Filed: March 22, 2001

Examiner: Matthew E. WARREN

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING OFF FUSE ELECTRODE  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

## **MAIL STOP RCE**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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First Named Inventor	Tomoki HIROTA
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Matter Number	Q63598
Title	METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING OFF FUSE ELECTRODE, INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## **1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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